DOE Regional Science Bowl Important Rules

Moderator, please read the following before each match:

Before we get started, I would like the coaches of both teams to identify themselves. Please introduce yourselves, shake hands, and sit together in the back of the room.

Please let me remind you of several important rules we will be carefully observing during this match.

- 1. On toss-up questions, you **must be verbally recognized** by the Moderator or Scientific Judge before replying. In this match the ______ will be recognizing you. If you respond before being **verbally** recognized, your team is automatically disqualified from answering the question. The question will then be offered as a toss-up question to the opposing team.
- 2. In this match, I will identify you by saying your team letter, AA@ or AB@ and position: A1," ACaptain,@A2@ or A3."
- 3. On toss-up questions, there can be no conferring among team members on **either team at any time**. If conferring occurs on the team initially recognized to answer the question, that team is disqualified from answering the question and the question will be offered to the opposing team. If conferring occurs or has occurred on the opposing team, it too is disqualified from answering the question.
- 4. **Challenges must be made before the moderator begins the next question.** All challenges must come from the team members who are actively competing. The alternate may not object.
- 5. On bonus questions, you have 20 seconds **after** the Moderator finishes reading the question to begin your answer to the question. If you fail to begin your answer before the Timekeeper says Atime@ you have missed your bonus question. You will hear the Timekeeper say A5 seconds@ when you have only five seconds left to begin your answer.
- 6. Finally, on a bonus question, only the team captain=s answer will be accepted.